

Senate Study Bill 1208 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON SENG)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act making an appropriation to support soil and water
2 conservation by the department of agriculture and land
3 stewardship.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. PURPOSE.

2 The purpose of this Act is to increase the annual
3 appropriation made by the general assembly to the department
4 of agriculture and land stewardship for the fiscal year
5 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, for the soil
6 conservation division. The appropriation made in this Act
7 is intended to supplement and not supplant any appropriation
8 made in another Act as enacted during the first session of the
9 Eighty-fifth General Assembly.

10 Sec. 2. SOIL CONSERVATION — APPROPRIATION. There is
11 appropriated from the environment first fund created in section
12 8.57A to the department of agriculture and land stewardship
13 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June
14 30, 2014, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is
15 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

16 1. For use by the department in providing for soil and
17 water conservation administration, the conservation of soil and
18 water resources, or the support of soil and water conservation
19 district commissioners:

20 \$ 7,000,000

21 2. Not more than 5 percent of the moneys appropriated in
22 subsection 1 may be allocated for cost sharing to address
23 complaints filed under section 161A.47.

24 3. Of the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, 5 percent
25 shall be allocated for financial incentives to establish
26 practices to protect watersheds above publicly owned lakes of
27 the state from soil erosion and sediment as provided in section
28 161A.73.

29 4. Not more than 30 percent of a soil and water conservation
30 district's allocation of moneys as financial incentives may be
31 provided for the purpose of establishing management practices
32 to control soil erosion on land that is row cropped, including
33 but not limited to no-till planting, ridge-till planting,
34 contouring, and contour strip-cropping as provided in section
35 161A.73.

1 5. The state soil conservation committee established by
2 section 161A.4 may allocate moneys appropriated in subsection
3 1 to conduct research and demonstration projects to promote
4 conservation tillage and nonpoint source pollution control
5 practices.

6 6. The allocation of moneys as financial incentives as
7 provided in section 161A.73 may be used in combination with
8 moneys allocated by the department of natural resources.

9 7. Not more than 15 percent of the moneys appropriated
10 in subsection 1 may be used for costs of administration and
11 implementation of soil and water conservation practices.

12 8. In lieu of moneys appropriated in section 466A.5, not
13 more than \$50,000 of the moneys appropriated in subsection
14 1 shall be used by the soil conservation division of the
15 department of agriculture and land stewardship to provide
16 administrative support to the watershed improvement review
17 board established in section 466A.3.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill states that its purpose is to supplement the
20 annual appropriation made by the general assembly to the soil
21 conservation division of the department of agriculture and land
22 stewardship for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and
23 ending June 30, 2014.

24 Specifically, the bill appropriates moneys from the
25 environment first fund (Code section 8.57A) for use by the
26 department in providing for soil and water conservation
27 administration, the conservation of soil and water resources,
28 or the support of soil and water conservation district
29 commissioners. The appropriation is for \$7 million with
30 a number of conditions relating to how the moneys may be
31 expended, including to address complaints, to protect
32 watersheds, to establish management practices to control soil
33 erosion on land that is row-cropped, to conduct research and
34 demonstration projects, to provide financial incentives,
35 to support administration, and to support the watershed

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1 improvement review board.